

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
MARCH 13, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Steve Aldrich
Karl Mooney, arrived after roll call
John Nichols
Julie Schultz
James Benham, absent

City Staff:

Kelly Templin, City Manager
Carla Robinson, City Attorney
Chuck Gilman, Deputy City Manager
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary
Ian Whittenton, Records Management Coordinator

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Berry at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840.

2. Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, and §551.087-Economic Incentive Negotiations, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:

- College Station v. Star Insurance Co., Civil Action No. 4:11-CV-02023.

- Patricia Kahlden, individ. and as rep. of the Estate of Lillie May Williams Bayless v. Laura Sue Streigler, City of College Station and James Steven Elkins, No. 11-003172-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, TX
- Cause No. 13-002978-CV-361, Deluxe Burger Bar of College Station, Inc. D/B/A Café Eccell v. Asset Plus Realty Corporation, City of College Station, Texas and the Research Valley Partnership, Inc., In the 361st Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas

B. Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice; to wit:

- Legal advice regarding proposed changes to Chapter 4, Section 1 of the Code of Ordinances

C. Deliberation on an offer of financial or other incentives for a business prospect the City Council seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City; to wit:

- Economic incentives for a proposed development located in the Biocorridor.

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

3. Take action, if any, on Executive Session.

No action was required from Executive Session.

4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.

2d: Carla Robinson, City Attorney, clarified that the original franchise expired in December, and this is not backdated. Both parties agreed to this.

2b: Mayor Berry clarified that the Historic Preservation Committee is returning to the Parks Department because there are already budgeted funds for historic preservation within that department, and the remaining donated funds from the 75th Anniversary event will be allocated to that budget item.

5. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding the Scott & White BCS Marathon.

Chris Field, founder of the Scott & White Marathon and race director, thanked City staff for their support and assistance in making this event a success. He reported that the race was started in 2011 as a fundraiser for the Mercy Project. It increased from 1,731 runners in 2011 to 4,165 registered runners in 2013. In 2012, a kid's marathon was added the day before the big race involving more than 1,000 young people. Over three year's time, the race has brought in more than \$370,000 for Bryan/College Station based children's charities. After this year's race, runners were surveyed to get a better idea of what they thought about the race and what kind of real dollars they were spending on race weekend. The results were startling. 92% said organization of the race was excellent; 81% said the value of the race was excellent, and 70% plan to return next year. After just three years, the BCS Marathon is the highest rated marathon in the state of Texas by runner review with five out of five stars in all three rating categories.

6. Presentation, possible action and discussion regarding the implementation of bike lanes in school zones.

Troy Rother, Assistant City Engineer, reported that concern has been expressed regarding school children's safety and the impact on schools. Schools were evaluated, and the process involved observing traffic and gathering input from school principals to possibly develop a plan. After Pebble Creek was evaluated, three striping alternatives were developed. Southwood Valley was also evaluated, and one striping alternative was developed. The next schools to be evaluated will be Rock Prairie Elementary, Oak Wood, and College Hills. They plan to use the same process. He recommends going forward with putting in the sharrows for Pebble Creek, but Southwood Valley is fine the way it is currently. Council expressed their support of his recommendations.

7. Council Calendar

- **March 17** **IGC Meeting at BVCOG, 12:00 p.m.**
- **March 17** **Budget and Finance Committee Meeting in City Hall Administrative Conference Room, 2:00 p.m.**
- **March 19** **RVP Board Meeting at RVP, 3:00 p.m.**
- **March 20** **Business After Hours - Allen Honda at 2450 Earl Rudder Frwy (CS), 5:30 p.m.**
- **March 20** **P&Z Workshop/Regular Meeting, 5:00/7:00 p.m. (Liaison: Steve Aldrich)**
- **March 21** **Chamber of Commerce 16th Annual Crawfish Boil at Brazos County Expo Complex, 5:30 p.m.**
- **March 25** **Audit Committee Meeting in City Hall Administrative Conference Room, 3:30 p.m.**
- **March 27** **Executive Session/Workshop/Regular Meeting at 4:30, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Council reviewed the calendar.

8. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: a Councilmember may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Councilmember Brick wants to discuss at the use of E-cigarettes and what other cities are doing.

9. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Arts Council Sub-committee, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Bio-Corridor Board of Adjustments, Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Budget and Finance Committee, BVSWMA, BVWACS, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Economic Development Committee,

Gigabit Broadband Initiative, Historic Preservation Committee, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Research Valley Technology Council, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Transportation and Mobility Committee, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Twin City Endowment, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments.


Councilmember Mooney reported on the CVB panel reviewing HOT fund requests.

Councilmember Brick reported on the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Committee.

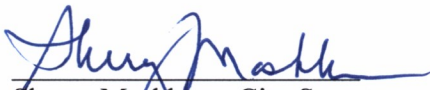
Councilmember Aldrich reported on the Arts Council.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 6:58 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary